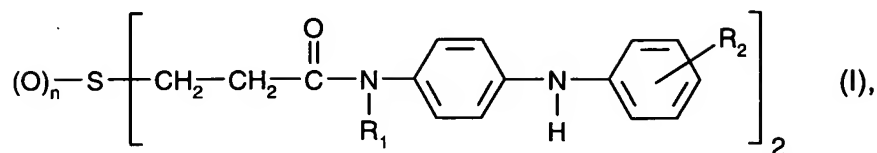


1. (amended): A compound of formula I



wherein

$R_1$  [  $C_3$ - $C_8$ alkyl] is  $C_3$ - $C_{12}$ alkyl,

$R_2$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl, and

$n$  is the number 1 or 2.

2. (amended): A compound according to claim 1, wherein

$R_1$  is[ hydrogen or]  $C_3$ - $C_8$ alkyl,

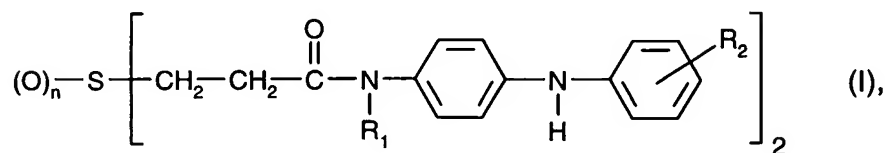
$R_2$  is hydrogen, and

$n$  is the number[ 0 or] 1.

3. (amended): A composition, which comprises

a) a carbon black-free elastomer subject to oxidative, thermal, light- or ozone-induced degradation, and

b) at least one compound of formula I



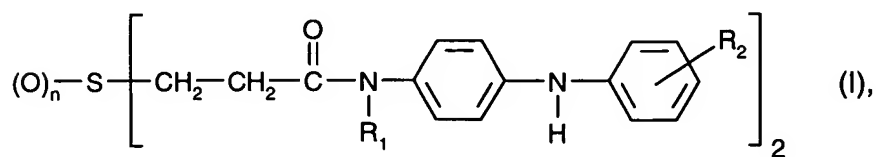
wherein

$R_1$  is[  $C_3$ - $C_8$ alkyl]  $C_3$ - $C_{12}$ alkyl,

$R_2$  is hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ alkyl, and

$n$  is the number 1 or 2.

**12. (amended):** A process for stabilizing and reducing the discoloration of carbon black-free elastomers, which comprises incorporating in, or applying to, said elastomers at least one compound of formula I



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is [C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>alkyl] C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>alkyl,

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl, and

n is the number 1 or 2.